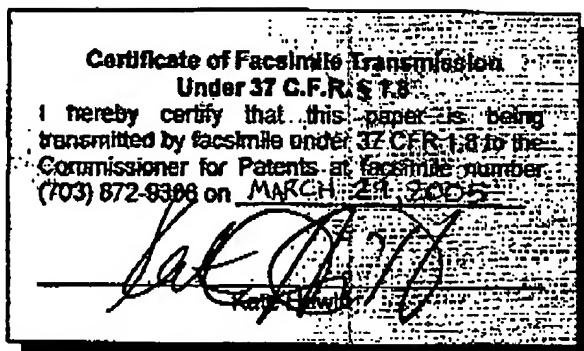


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The undersigned hereby declares as follows:

1. I am the sole inventor of the invention claimed in the above-referenced patent application (the "Invention").

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2. Prior to February 15, 2003, I conceived the invention and instructed the patent attorney for my employer to prepare a provisional patent application disclosing the invention.
3. On February 15, 2003, I received an e-mail message from the company's patent attorney which included an initial draft of the provisional patent application. Thereafter, subject to my other extensive work duties, I reviewed and considered the disclosure in this draft application.
4. Prior to April 3, 2003, I instructed the company's patent attorney to file the draft provisional patent application without substantive change. On April 3, 2003, the provisional patent application was in fact filed without substantive change from the draft of February 15, 2003, which I had reviewed.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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